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**From:** Bainbridge Citizens [gary@tripp.net]  
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**To:** \*Bainbridge Citizens  
**Subject:** Questions for City Council - Ward meetings 9/6 at 7:00 pm

On Tuesday, the City Council members will hold public meetings in their wards (see below). This is a good time to ask your city Councilmember where they stand on important SMP issues. **Remember**, these policies were not drafted by the Council and they are only now getting to know what is being proposed.

- Do they support making legally constructed homes, structures **and uses**, like lawns and recreation areas, legally conforming?
- Do they approve of applying the vegetation buffer to existing residential uses (front yards and recreation areas) if you make any change, like converting grass into a garden or rebuilding a deck or gazebo.
- Do they support more restrictions on water dependent uses (stairs and boat houses) and bans on docks?
- Do they support property owners' rights to protect their property from erosion?  
Once property is lost to erosion it is lost forever. The way the draft is written, as well as the DOE Guidelines, you are required to allow your front yard to be eroded away until your house is within three years of being damaged before you can build a bulkhead. The fair approach is to allow bulkheads to protect property but require mitigation, like beach nourishment. We need the City to stand up to the DOE and say property owners have a right to protect their property and requiring mitigation is fairer than requiring the loss of property.
- Do they support vegetation / tree regulations that which will result in less views for waterfront homes and loss of views for those homes behind the waterfront?

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### A chance to ask the City Council questions and talk about the SMP and other city issues:

The City Council will hold ward meetings next **Tues, Sept. 6** to encourage community discussion about important issues. All are scheduled to begin at **7 pm**.

- North Ward - Seabold Hall, 14451 Komedal Road
- South Ward - Lynwood Commons Meeting Room, 4779 Lynwood Center Road
- Central Ward - Council Chamber, City Hall

The Council encourages citizens to bring their own issues and concerns, as well as feedback for recent and/or proposed policy.

Citizens are invited to email questions and proposed topics to the Councilmembers in advance of the meetings.

Send questions to <mailto:council@bainbridgewa.gov>